BALTIMORE HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE S.R. 54 IMPROVEMENTS SOUND CHURCH ROAD TO KEENWICK ROAD STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SWALES

PHASE I ARCHAEOLOGY ADDENDUM

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ABSTRACT

Phase I archaeological investigations were completed for the State of Delaware Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) proposed State Route (S.R.) 54 Improvements, Sound Church Road to Keenwick Road project located in Baltimore Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware. Subsequent to the completion of that research, two stormwater management areas were designated for the project. Phase I archaeological investigations were completed for the two stormwater management areas and an addendum report was prepared.

Subsequent to the Phase I surveys of the original roadway corridor and the two stormwater management areas, two additional stormwater management swales were designed for the project. This addendum to the S.R. 54 Phase I Archaeology report describes the results of the testing of these two stormwater management swales. The stormwater management swales are located near the eastern terminus of the S.R. 54 Improvements project Area of Potential Effects (APE), which is located on the Assawoman Bay, Maryland-Delaware 7.5 minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle, in the Eastern Shore Coastal Plain physiographic province.

No previously recorded pre-contact or historic period archaeological sites or National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible or -listed properties are associated with the two proposed S.R. 54 stormwater management swale locations, and no archaeological resources were identified at the proposed locations during the Phase I survey. Based on the lack of previously or newly recorded archaeological sites present in the stormwater management swales, their proposed construction, as currently designed, will not affect any archaeological resources, and no additional archaeological investigations are warranted.

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